

House Resolution No. 1430

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Geneva Opal Garrison, a cherished resident of the Baptist Home in Ozark, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on May 5, 2007; and

Whereas, on May 8, 1907, in Joplin, God brought a special gift to John Walter and Rose Ethabell Matteson with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Geneva, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Geneva Garrison will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as being raised on a farm near Anderson, where she enjoyed picking berries; being married to Theodore Wayne Garrison; and giving birth to their offspring; and

Whereas, Geneva Garrison has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include four children, Theodore Wayne Garrison, Jr., M.D., David Lee Garrison, Diane Kay Garrison Noel, and J. Stephen Garrison; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Geneva Garrison further distinguished herself as a public school teacher who taught in many one-room school houses for sixteen years, as a Sunday school teacher, as a wonderful wife to a Baptist minister, and as a musician who played the violin and sang alto in countless church specials; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Geneva Garrison is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Geneva Garrison at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Geneva Opal Garrison, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Dennis Wood
District No. 62

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1430, adopted March 26, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker